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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A container for the disposal of food wastes, said container comprising:
liquid impervious walls having inner and outer surfaces, said walls defining an opening of said container, said food wastes being depositable in said container through said opening; an absorbent material deposited upon said inner surface of said container, said absorbent material having deposited thereupon an effective amount of an odor-neutralizing composition, wherein the odor absorbing composition comprises cyclodextrin and a chelant; and,
a liquid pervious liner positioned adjacent said absorbent material.
2. (Original) The container of Claim 1, wherein said absorbent material is joined to said inner surface.
3. (Original) The container of Claim 1, further comprising a means for closing and sealing said container.
4. (Original) The container of Claim 3, wherein said means for closing and sealing said container comprises a layer of contact adhesive.
5. (Original) The container of Claim 1, wherein said liquid impervious walls are a flexible material.
6. (Original) The container of Claim 5, wherein said container is a flexible bag.

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7. (Currently Amended) The container of Claim 1, wherein said odor-neutralizing composition is selected from the group consisting of ~~eyelodextrin~~, activated charcoal, baking soda, absorbent gelling materials, zeolites, silica, and combinations thereof.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) The container of Claim 1 8, wherein said chelant is deposited upon said absorbent material in an amount ranging from about 5 g/m² to about 300 g/m².
10. (Currently Amended) The container of Claim 1 8, wherein said chelant is selected from the group consisting of amino carboxylates, amino phosphonates, polyfunctionally-substituted aromatic chelating agents, and mixtures thereof.
11. (Currently Amended) The container of Claim 1 8, wherein said chelant is biodegradable.
12. (Currently Amended) The container of Claim 1, wherein said odor-neutralizing composition comprises:
an odor-absorbing ingredient selected from the group consisting of ~~eyelodextrin~~, activated charcoal, baking soda, absorbent gelling materials, zeolites, silica, and combinations thereof;
~~a chelant~~; and,
an antimicrobial agent.
13. (Original) The container of Claim 1, wherein said liquid impervious walls are manufactured from a material selected from the group consisting of woven materials, non-woven materials, polymeric films, composite materials, and combinations thereof.
14. (Original) The container of Claim 1, further comprising a closure flap articulably connected to at least one of said liquid impervious walls.

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15. (Original) The container of Claim 1, wherein said absorbent material is discontinuously deposited upon said inner surface of said container.
16. (Original) The container of Claim 1, wherein said absorbent material is continuously deposited upon said inner surface of said container.
17. (Original) The container of Claim 1, wherein said odor-neutralizing composition further comprises an antimicrobial agent.
18. (Original) The container of Claim 17, wherein said antimicrobial agent is deposited upon said absorbent material ranging from about 10 g/m² to about 500 g/m².